WHY

VOTE

THE ABC'S OF CITIZENSHIP
Did you know that the word "IDIOT" comes from a Greek word meaning "THE MAN WHO DIDN'T VOTE"?

IDIOT or NOT

THE MAN WHO DOESN'T VOTE WHEN HE HAS THE CHANCE MAY BE ACTING AS:

(1) A TOOL of the WORST MACHINE BOSSES

(2) A VICTIM of PRESSURE GROUPS

(3) AN ALLEY of CROOKS

(4) A GENERAL INFLUENCE for BAD GOVERNMENT
HOWEVER, IN YOUR CASE,

WHEN YOU VOTE

- you help create LEADERS (instead of "bosses")
- you help POLITICIANS reflect the will of the VOTERS
- you become a REAL American citizen
- and you are an influence for GOOD GOVERNMENT
OF COURSE,
TO VOTE AT ALL--
YOU'VE GOT TO

REGISTER!

TO FIND OUT - HOW
- WHEN
- WHERE to REGISTER...

call (a) Local officials
(b) Newspaper
(c) Courthouse (ask for office handling registration)
to register you may be required to...

(1) IDENTIFY YOURSELF under OATH
   (a) Name
   (b) Address
   (c) Place of Birth

(2) GIVE YOUR AGE

(3) ESTABLISH YOUR RESIDENCE
also--
about 1/3 of the states require a reading test.

ONCE YOU'VE REGISTERED

(1) find out how long it is good for--
   - PERMANENT?
   - ONE YR. ONLY?
   - or UNTIL YOU STOP VOTING?

(2) if you MOVE, you must register again

(3) if a woman MARRIES, she must RE-REGISTER
THEN--BEFORE YOU VOTE

STUDY THE ISSUES

Remember--every public issue is a political issue. The GOVERNMENT is your servant--to carry out your wishes--and local issues are just as important for you as state or national ones--perhaps more important.
AND THE CANDIDATES

"IF YOU VOTE FOR ME... I'LL..."

Don't be misled by campaign "promises". See how elected officials have voted. Look behind party labels. Think before you vote...

AND REMEMBER-- Contrary to some opinion... the average professional politician (i.e. elected legislator or official) is a DECENT, HONEST person who wants to do what's BEST and generally will REFLECT the attitudes, morals and wishes of the PEOPLE who ELECTED him.
AMERICA HAS BEEN BUILT AND IS BOSSED BY YOUR BALLOTS

YOU -- attend these important meetings to help screen and choose candidates

THEN VOTE and choose candidates... sometimes more important than the election itself

and finally VOTE

Your vote makes you a member of America's only "RULING CLASS"

TO CHOOSE --

LOCAL OFFICES such as...
- MAYOR
- COUNCIL
- SCHOOL BOARD

STATE OFFICES such as
- GOVERNOR
- SENATOR
- REPRESENTATIVES

NATIONAL OFFICES
- PRES. & VICE PRES.
- SENATOR
- CONGRESSMAN

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

about 165,000 PRECINCTS in the U.S.

GOVERNMENT OF, BY and FOR THE PEOPLE
what can poor little me do?

As a citizen you can

GET MORE DONE and HAVE MORE FUN

if you WORK WITH OTHERS
1 You can take part in YOUR PARTY

PURPOSE:
(1) to define issues
(2) to select candidates

(a) Find out about candidates and issues

(b) Get others to register
- call on them
- take them to registration point

(c) Get others to vote
- drive them to polls
- baby sit while they vote

(d) Work at party headquarters
- as receptionist, clerk or phone operator

(e) Distribute literature
- booklets
- posters
- flyers

(f) Attend party meetings...
join precinct clubs, young people, women's groups, etc.
You can work with fellow-members of **CLUBS**

and other organizations to which you belong

- P.T.A.
- CIVIC
- VETERANS
- LODGES
- GRANGE
- LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS
- ETC.

on a non-partisan basis

1. get EVERY member to VOTE
2. get CANDIDATES to explain ISSUES
3. organize CIVIC AFFAIRS committees to promote better citizenship
You can get to know your Elected Representatives

1. Make a list of them
   - local, state and national
2. Ask them what they think — or ask them for more information on issues that interest you
3. Tell them what you think — it's easy...

Simply address

Senator ______, U.S. Senate, Washington 25, D.C.
(or) Congressman ______, U.S. House of Representatives
   Washington 25, D.C.
(or) Governor ______, State House, Capital City
(or) Senator ______, " " " "
(or) Representative ______, " " " "
REMEMBER--

POLITICS is the BUSINESS of running YOUR government

It’s concerned with--

☐ YOUR human DIGNITY
☐ YOUR personal FREEDOM
☐ YOUR general WELFARE

So.. POLITICS is YOUR BUSINESS
lest government

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perish from the earth
SO WHAT?

1. Be sure to **register**

2. Find out \{when \text{where} \text{how}\} to **Vote**

3. Decide \{whom \text{what}\} to **Vote for**

4. Urge **others** to do likewise

and... **5. VOTE**...